



**STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

**Proposed standing order of the
Chief Judge of the District Court and
proposed amendments to the
Maine Rules of Civil Procedure
to expand the authority of Family Law Magistrates
and clarify procedures in family cases**

Comments due on or before October 14, 2016

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court and the Maine District Court invite comments on a proposed standing order by the Chief Judge of the District Court and proposed amendments to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure to expand the authority of Family Law Magistrates and make other clarifications to the procedures in family cases. The proposed standing order and rule amendments are available on the courts' website at www.courts.maine.gov/quick/magistrates/.

Any comments must be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14, 2016**. Comments may be in writing mailed to the address below or in an email sent to lawcourt.clerk@courts.maine.gov. If the comments are in an attachment to the email, the attachment must be a document in portable document format (.pdf). The Clerk's Office will acknowledge receipt of the email via reply email.

All comments must contain (1) the name and mailing address of the individual submitting the comments, and (2) the name, mailing address, and primary telephone number of the organization (if any) on whose behalf the comments are submitted. An individual need not be an attorney to submit comments individually or on behalf of an organization.

Comments are public documents and may be posted on the Court's website.

Dated: September 23, 2016

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